

## **Governor Haley Barbour Office of Recovery and Renewal**

### **Mission:**

- 1) Obtain maximum federal funds for recovery efforts and maximize use of credit in lieu of cash opportunities such as the concept of global match.**  
These tasks will focus on identifying and drawing down to appropriate state and local government entities federal funds and coordinate the use of these funds to avoid duplication and to leverage the most effective use of them. Credit in lieu of cash issues will center on investigating opportunities that quantify previously expended funds or certain services and activities as credits for match requirement that otherwise would require cash contributions.
- 2) Provide disaster recovery policy guidance and counsel to the Governor, his staff, state agencies, local government officials and other organizations.** In most cases, policy options are discussed and potential outcomes, based on the knowledge of the Recovery and Renewal team, are described. Specific policies may be advocated based on their possible outcomes. Examples may include the prioritization of post-disaster recovery sources of funding, the deployment of federal and state staff to support approved policies and programs or the possible adoption of particular policies that did not exist prior to the disaster.
- 3) Assist in the identification of appropriate organizations tasked with the implementation of the Governor's Commission on Recovery and Renewal Report: Building Back Better than Ever.** Additional tasks may include providing technical assistance to responsible parties and the tracking of their progress over time.
- 4) Provide training, education and outreach programs to government officials, organizations, and individuals in order to assist them make more informed decisions regarding disaster recovery.** These tasks will focus on programs beyond those typically provided by existing federal and state agencies. If, however, these agencies need assistance, the Office of Recovery and Renewal staff will supplement federal and state staff or provide training materials and workshops in order to facilitate an improved recovery.